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June 17, 2005

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS DELIVERY

Ms. Retha Dixon
The Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Complaint –
Russ Diamond -
RussDiamond.org. (#2003326)
Candidate for U.S. Congress – Pa. 17th District
November 2004 Election

(MUR 5636)

Dear Ms. Dixon:

As I have previously advised you, I represent the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania (“RSC”). As you are aware, the RSC filed a complaint against the above referenced Candidate and his Committee on October 10, 2004 (the “Complaint”). RSC re-filed the Complaint on December 20, 2004 with a signature of the complainant notarized. I am enclosing a copy of the Complaint.

The Complaint is against Russ Diamond (“Diamond”) in connection with his candidacy for the United States Congress from the 17th Congressional District of Pennsylvania (the “Campaign for Congress”) in the General Election held on November 2, 2004 (the “Election”). In addition, Mr. Diamond was a candidate for the Pennsylvania General Assembly from the 101st District (the “State House”) in the Election. He appeared on the ballot in the Election for both offices.

Mr. Diamond registered an authorized campaign committee, RussDiamond.org (the “Committee”), with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “State”) in 2003. There is no

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record that Mr. Diamond designated in writing the Committee as his principal campaign committee for his Campaign for Congress, as required by 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(1)¹. In addition, the Committee did not file a statement of organization with the Federal Election Commission (the "FEC") as required by § 433(a) of the FECA. Furthermore, neither he nor his Committee filed any campaign reports as required under § 434 of the FECA with the FEC.

Mr. Diamond has alleged that he and his Committee did not raise \$5,000 nor spend \$5,000 on his Campaign for Congress, and as such they were exempt from registration and reporting under the FECA.² However, both he and his Committee, in filings with the State, disclose expenditures and contributions well in excess of \$5,000 in connection with his campaigns for the Election. Mr. Diamond apparently claims that except for about \$250 all of these amounts were only for his campaign for the State House.

The RSC believes, based upon its review of filings by Mr. Diamond and his Committee with the State as well as other materials that Mr. Diamond and his Committee each spent in excess of \$5,000 and the Committee received contributions in excess of \$5,000 attributable to his Campaign for Congress. As such, he was required to designate the Committee in writing pursuant to § 432(e) of the FECA and his Committee was required to register with the FEC and file the appropriate reports.

I am enclosing with this letter additional materials that my client has forwarded to me and requested that I send to you for further consideration regarding its Complaint.

The items that are enclosed are as follows:

- 1) Russ Diamond Timeline: This Timeline, prepared by our client, shows, *inter alia*, that Mr. Diamond was "nominated" for the 17th Congressional District seat at the Libertarian Party Convention in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on March 20, 2004. In addition, it shows that on April 5, 2004 he announced his candidacy for the 17th Congressional District.

¹ References in this letter to the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, 2 U.S.C. § 431 *et seq.*, shall hereafter be to the "FECA."

² § 431(2) of the FECA defines a "candidate" for federal office for the purposes of the statute as an: (a) individual who "has received contributions aggregating in excess of \$5,000 or has made expenditures aggregating in excess of \$5,000, or (b) an individual who "has given his or her consent to another person to receive contributions or make expenditures on behalf of such individual and if such person has received such contributions aggregating in excess of \$5,000 or has made such expenditures in excess of \$5,000." A "person" is defined in § 431(11) of the FECA to include a "committee."

- 2) A printout from Mr. Diamond's Website ("Website"), RussDiamond.org [the same name as his Committee], dated September 7, 2004, which references Mr. Diamond's production and issuance of a compact disc audio collection of twenty-three tracks (the "CD"), which, *inter alia*, served as a way to introduce himself as a candidate for Congress.
- 3) A press release from Diamond from the Website, dated August 16, 2004, also referencing the CD created and issued in furtherance of his Campaign for Congress. The press release also refers to the Website as "Diamond's Campaign Website."
- 4) A press release from his Website, dated May 26, 2004, as one example of many in which Diamond links his Campaign for Congress and State House together. The first sentence of this press release begins with his reference to both of his campaigns.
- 5) A press release from his Website, dated April 22, 2004, again linking and referencing his Campaign for Congress with his campaign for the State House. This shows dates of actual campaign activity by him for Congress, and is an additional example that he used the Website in furtherance of his Campaign for Congress. The cost of the Website was being paid for by his Committee, as additional enclosures demonstrate.
- 6) A copy of the current homepage of RussDiamong.org (the "Website"), as historical references on the Website indicate that it was used in connection with his Campaign for Congress.
- 7) A copy of "*Libertarian Penn.*," the newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, Fall 2004 issue, which references the Russ Diamond Campaign for Congress on page 3, and identifies RussDiamond.org as both the candidate's Website and the basis for his e-mails, all in support of his Campaign for Congress.
- 8) A summary prepared by our client from the public filings of Diamond and his Committee with the State³, relating to Committee financial activity. The summary indicates receipts by the Committee from as early as December 15, 2003 up through November 22, 2004, for total contributions greatly in excess of \$5,000, including \$13,462.34 in "loans" from Mr. Diamond to the Committee. In addition, the summary also outlines expenditures by the Committee from the period January 2, 2004 through November 15, 2004, greatly in excess of \$5,000. We have highlighted in yellow several expenditures that show the costs of the Website registration, Website design, the production and expenditure for the CD and costs and expenditures that may be related to the Congressional Brochure described in paragraph 13 below. All of these expenditures were financed through his Committee.

³ All of the summary schedules in paragraphs 8-11 of this letter were prepared by our client from the public filings of Diamond and his Committee with the State.

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- 9) A summary schedule identifying expenditures by Mr. Diamond for his campaigns, most of which expenditures were paid to the Committee. This summary shows that Mr. Diamond personally spent at least \$23,480.57 from the period December 15, 2003 through November 12, 2004 on his campaigns, which included his Campaign for Congress. At a minimum this summary demonstrates that he spent in excess of \$5,000 on his campaigns after March 20, 2004, the date that the Libertarian Party nominated him to run for Congress from the 17th District of Pennsylvania. Also listed is a payment on March 21, 2004 to "Friends of Karen Rowe" in the amount of \$1,781.25, referencing a payment for Website design, but there is no indication as to whose Website it is.
 - 10) A summary schedule identifying those Committee expenditures in which the payee was either Diamond himself or Raintree Studios, a fictitious name for an entity owned and controlled by Diamond. (See the enclosed on-line registration document filed with the State identifying Raintree Studios.) This summary shows payments to either Mr. Diamond or Raintree Studios totaling \$5,075.35 from the period July 9, 2004 through October 24, 2004. With the exception of the \$100.00 payment on July 9, 2004 to Mr. Diamond reimbursing a state house filing fee, the rest of the expenditures were for either partial loan repayments or other promotional materials that advocated Mr. Diamond's candidacies in the Election, which included his Campaign for Congress.
 - 11) A summary of all of the starting and ending balances reported by both Mr. Diamond and the Committee to the State regarding the Election for the period ending December 31, 2003 through November 22, 2004. This summary shows that the Candidate personally made expenditures on behalf of his campaigns by making contributions to his Committee or to third parties in excess of \$23,000. He listed an ending cash balance of negative \$23,237.29 on November 22, 2004.

The summary also shows that the Committee, from the period ending December 31, 2003 through November 22, 2004, received and expended in excess of \$5,000 and reported unpaid debts and obligations on November 22, 2004 of \$13,462.34.

- 12) A news article, dated February 3, 2005, from the Palmyra Bureau of the Harrisburg *Patriot News* referencing the Complaint. In the article, Diamond is quoted as admitting that he used the Website for his Campaign for Congress. He further states that his campaign office is the same as his business office. However, there is no or indication of what amount of expenditures were incurred for the use of that business office including rent, telephone and other services and supplies that benefited his Campaign for Congress.

- 13) "Russ Diamond for Congress Brochure" —two pages- which indicates that it was "Authorized by Russ Diamond" and "Paid for by RussDiamond.org." It further directs you to the Website for more information. This is clear evidence from Mr. Diamond that the Committee was financially funding his Campaign, and contributions it received were used for that purpose. As indicated above, Mr. Diamond personally contributed or lent over \$5,000 to the Committee as well.

A review of the enclosed materials indicates that Diamond and his Committee both raised and spent more than \$5,000 in 2004, which clearly benefited his Campaign for Congress. While he has taken the position that he spent almost no money on his Campaign for Congress, according to the enclosed materials that is an inaccurate statement and contradicts other statements of his and information in his reports to the State. Almost all of his promotional activities and materials benefited both his candidacy for State House and Congress. Several of his promotional materials and press releases reference both campaigns. He linked both campaigns in public announcements.

Furthermore, Diamond financed a significant portion of his campaign for the State House and Congress from direct personal donations to his Committee. The Committee then made significant payments to his businesses, RussDiamond.org and Raintree Communications. Tracing the flow of funds demonstrates that significant expenditures were paid to Diamond and/or his business by the Committee.

The RSC maintains that the enclosures demonstrate that Mr. Diamond avoided the registration and reporting requirements of the FECA by co-mingling all of his contributions and expenditures in one Committee account, which he only registered with the State. A candidate for Congress should not be able to avoid the FECA reporting and registration requirements simply by also running for a state office in the same election and pretend that all of the contributions received and expenditures made relate to the state candidacy and not the federal candidacy. Not only is such conduct in violation of the FECA, but it also violates the public policy of the FECA, which is to require full disclosure of the financing and expenditures of federal campaigns and also to ensure that the contribution and expenditure limitations of federal law are followed by candidates and committees. A candidate who simultaneously seeks both state and federal office, but claims to only finance the election for the state office, can effectively conceal any and all contributions and/or expenditures that would be prohibited under federal law.

The enclosed materials demonstrate that Diamond and his Committee used his joint candidacy for the State House and Congress as a way to avoid the registration and reporting requirements of the FECA by improperly attributing almost exclusively all of the contributions and expenditures to and by the Committee and himself as being spent on the State House campaign alone, thereby only requiring registration and reporting to the State. Yet the expenditures made by the Committee include, but are not limited to, the Website, the audio CD and other promotional materials, all of which clearly promoted his campaign for Congress.

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The RSC is not maintaining that the use of one authorized committee to finance the election activity of a state and federal campaign is per se improper. It is the RSC's position that a candidate simultaneously seeking federal and state office can not, as Mr. Diamond and his Committee did, simply allocate almost all of the contributions and expenditures to the state campaign to avoid the requirements of the FECA.

Candidates for federal office that do not meet the registration and reporting thresholds are still required to abide by the requirements of FECA regarding contributions and expenditures, and they are required to maintain books and records that the FEC can audit and review to ensure that the registration, reporting, contributions and expense requirements and the FECA have not been violated. The RSC asks that the FEC audit Mr. Diamond and the Committee as part of an investigation in this matter.

Should you request or require additional materials or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



LAWRENCE J. TABAS

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cc: Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania

October 10, 2004

Dan Hayward
Executive Director of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania
112 State Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Federal Election Commission
The Office of the General Counsel
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Sir or Madam:

With the complexity of the new campaign finance reform laws, all candidates and parties appear to be making a best-effort to comply with the laws set forth by the Federal Election Commission. As a result, a complaint filed by the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania would only be sent in a scenario where a violation is documented and obvious.

In the 17th United States Congressional District, Mr. Russ Diamond is on the ballot and actively running for the United States Congress. Simultaneously, Mr. Diamond is on the ballot for the 101st State Representative seat in Pennsylvania.

Running for a state office in Pennsylvania permits Mr. Russ Diamond from taking unlimited contributions from individuals. Due to the very different donation limits, strict discretion and reporting must take place to show that the two campaign accounts are not being used as one.

Mr. Russ Diamond has not filed revenues or expenditures with the Federal Election Commission. Mr. Diamond has, however, filed his State Representative Campaign Committee with the Pennsylvania Department of State as:

Diamond, Russ – RussDiamond.org (#2003326)
109 W. Main St.
Annville, PA 17003-1372
Treasurer: Lori Kimmel

Recently, at a community event, outside of the 101st State Representative district, Mr. Russ Diamond was distributing "Diamond for Congress" flyers for his United States Congressional campaign. On his flyer for the 17th United States Congressional Campaign, he lists his disclaimer as "Authorized by Russ Diamond, Paid for by russdiamond.org".

As we know, "RussDiamond.org" is Mr. Diamond's campaign committee in which he raises funds for his Pennsylvania state representative race. We also know Mr. Diamond is eligible to raise unlimited amounts of non-corporate donations for this "state" political action committee. With this in mind,

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October 10, 2004

paying for United States Congressional materials out of the State Representative Campaign Committee account is a direct violation of federal dollar expenditures.

In addition to the campaign flyer, questions have been raised about his campaign website which touts both his campaign for the 17th United State Congressional District and his 101st State Representative race which also contains the paid for by russdiamond.org disclaimer. It has been brought to my attention that his office on 109 W Main St, Annville PA is also being used to run both campaigns.

With the recent information of Mr. Russ Diamond's use of non-federal dollars to pay for United States Congressional campaign material, it is our request that the Federal Election Commission look into the revenue and expenditures of Mr. Russ Diamond.

Attached is a copy of the flyer that Mr. Russ Diamond is using for his United State Congressional campaign. Below the summary section, the disclaimer clearly shows that Mr. Russ Diamond is using his State Representative Campaign committee to purchase United State Congressional material.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Hayward
Executive Director
Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania

Attachment

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December 20, 2004

Dan Hayward
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112 State Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Federal Election Commission
The Office of the General Counsel
Attn: Ms. Retha Dixon
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Ms. Dixon:

The attached letter is in response to your letter signifying the need to resubmit the complaint notarized.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (717) 234-4901.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hayward
Executive Director

Attachment

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EXHIBIT 1

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Russ Diamond Timeline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Dec. 31, 2003.....	Closing date for the first campaign finance reports for Russ Diamond (candidate) and for RussDiamond.org Committee. (Filing deadline was Feb. 2, 2004.) The first report shows only a \$5,000 loan from Russ Diamond (candidate) to RussDiamond.org Committee.
Feb. 12, 2004.....	Announces candidacy for 101 st State House Race at a rally in the Lebanon Valley Mall.
Feb. 18, 2004.....	First day for minor party candidates to circulate and file nominating papers in Pennsylvania (all races).
March 20, 2004.....	"Nominated" for 17 th Congressional at Libertarian Party Convention in Harrisburg.
April 5, 2004	Announces Candidacy for 17 th Congressional Race in a press release. He says in the release, "With the exception of the required \$150 filing fee, I do not intend to spend a dime on the 17 th race."
April 22, 2004.....	Confirms in a press release that he is "waging a write-in campaign to become the Democratic nominee in the 101 st District as well."
April 27, 2004.....	Primary Election
July 9, 2004	RussDiamond.org Committee pays Russ Diamond \$100 for "State House filing fees" and \$150 for "partial loan repayment." These amounts coincide with the \$100 state House and \$150 Congressional filing fees.
July 14, 2004.....	Date on Statement of Financial Interests.
July 19, 2004.....	Candidate's Affidavit for 17 th Congressional race. (\$150 fee)
July 19, 2004.....	Candidate's Affidavit for 101 st State House race. (\$100 fee)
July 30, 2004.....	"Confirms" in a press release that his name will appear on the November ballot for the 101 st State House race as well as the 17 th Congressional race. The release indicates that he was making "the third of four scheduled nomination drops at the Department of State" this day.
Aug. 2, 2004	Last day for minor party candidates to circulate and file nominating papers in Pennsylvania (all races).
Aug. 5, 2004	Estimates in a Pottsville <i>Republican and Herald</i> article that he filed 2,500 signatures for the 17 th Congressional race, more than double the required 1,020.
Nov. 2, 2004	General Election

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EXHIBIT 2

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Technology Assists Libertarian's Effort

BY SHAWN A. HESSINGER
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The Libertarian candidate in what has become a three-way race for the 17th Congressional District has come up with a novel approach to introduce himself and his party to voters.

Russell H. Diamond, the Annville businessman who faces U.S. Rep. T. Timothy Holden, D-17, and Republican challenger G. Scott Paterno, a Dauphin County attorney, in the Nov. 2 general election, has released a compact disc outlining his campaign and the party's philosophy.

"While many voters I've spoken with have an idea of what our positions are, I've become aware that some have misconceptions as well," Diamond said. "We felt this audio collection was a great way to allow those with questions about Libertarian philosophies to explore and learn at their own pace."

The disc, which contains 23 tracks in all, includes an introduction, a passage outlining the Libertarian Party philosophy, and tracks outlining Diamond's and his party's stands on issues such as taxes, crime, health care and education.

Entitled "The Viewpoint," the CD is an audio adaptation of the party's national Viewpoint magazine, but also includes information on Diamond and his race for 17th Congressional District and 101st state Legislative District against Republican incumbent Mauree A. Gingrich, R-Lebanon County.

The disc is available free to anyone visiting Diamond's campaign headquarters at 109 W. Main St., Annville, or can be downloaded directly from Diamond's website at www.russdiamond.org.

The recording of the disc is a natural extension of Diamond's nonpolitical endeavors as owner and operator of Raintree, a CD and cassette duplication facility in Annville.

"These tracks point out ways Libertarians can provide the substance to bridge the gap that strict partisanship has created in the political arena," Diamond said, introducing the CD.

"Instead of bickering over subjective opinions, it's time to apply rational problem solving skills to the many pressing issues before our society," he added.

Specifically the CD describes Libertarians as neither liberal nor conservative but rather borrowing from both philosophies to create a "logical whole."

While the CD claims Libertarians agree with conservatives on reduction of taxes, less regulation of business and charitable rather than government welfare, it says Libertarians also agree with liberals on freedom and tolerance in personal matters.

"Unlike strict conservatives or liberals, Libertarians advocate a high degree of both personal and economic liberty," the CD states.

For example, Diamond has advocated eliminating the gay marriage controversy recently on the national stage by eliminating any government issuance of marriage licenses, forcing couples both gay and straight to work out property and other legal arrangements of their union privately through civil means.

Diamond said he is also proud that the CD was written, produced and manufactured entirely in central Pennsylvania, using local voice talent for narration and local musicians for the musical background.

The disc, which Diamond encourages to be duplicated and circulated freely, is only the latest in a range of new higher tech methods being brought into local campaigns this year.

Although Holden himself has been swift to welcome Diamond to the race, insisting that the Libertarian be included in all debate forums, Paterno's campaign has been less accommodating.

One expert, Eric Plutzer, an assistant professor of political science and sociology at Penn State University, University Park, says a Libertarian candidate will tend to siphon more votes from Republican candidates because of their positions on a free market economy.

But recently, Paterno campaign manager Dean Ouellette discounted the overall impact of the Libertarian in the race.

"I think this campaign is going to be pretty much like the presidential race. I think ultimately most voters are going to decide whether they want Republican or Democratic leadership for the next few years," Ouellette said.

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For Immediate Release
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Diamond Releases Libertarian Viewpoint Audio CD

Libertarian Russ Diamond (Annville) today announced the public release of a collection of spoken word audio tracks designed to familiarize voters with Libertarian philosophy and principles. The collection, entitled *The Viewpoint*, is available on compact disc and as a free download at Diamond's campaign website, www.russdiamond.org.

An adaptation of the Libertarian Party's national *Libertarian Viewpoint* magazine, the collection provides an overview of how Libertarians view the issues of the day, such as foreign relations, taxation, and poverty, and the methods Libertarian policy would utilize to address them.

"While many voters I've spoken with have an idea of what our positions are, I've become aware that some have misconceptions as well," said Diamond. "We felt this audio collection was a great way to allow those with questions about Libertarian philosophies to explore and learn at their own pace."

"These tracks point out ways Libertarians can provide the substance to bridge the gap that strict partisanship has created in the political arena. Instead of bickering over subjective opinions, it's time to apply rational problem solving skills to the many pressing issues before our society. This collection is a great introduction to Libertarian positions and solutions."

The *Viewpoint* production team worked on the project over a three-month period earlier this year, writing and adapting articles, recording narration and editing music beds for the project. Diamond performed the recording and editing personally. The collection is also being offered to Libertarian candidates and committees across the nation for use in campaigns and outreach programs.

"I'm proud that this project, from conception to production to manufacturing, was entirely handled right here in the local area," Diamond added. "We used local writers. We used local voice talent. We used local music talent. Both the disc and the packaging were manufactured by Central Pennsylvanians as well."

In addition to the mp3 downloads via the internet, voters can obtain a free copy of *The Viewpoint* on CD through Diamond's campaign headquarters at 109 West Main Street in Annville. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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For Immediate Release
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Diamond To Cut Hair For Good Cause

PA General Assembly (101st) and Congressional (17th) nominee Russ Diamond (L-Annaville) will make a stop at 3:30 p.m. this Thursday at Samantha's Styles, 911 Chestnut Street, Lebanon to donate his ponytail and raise awareness for Locks of Love.

Locks of Love is a not-for-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 with medical hair loss. These custom-fitted hair prosthetics are provided free of charge or on a sliding scale to children whose families meet the Locks of Love Board of Directors guidelines.

The organization, which began in 1997, has helped over 1000 children since its first year of operation.

"This is a great way to highlight how Libertarians mesh conservative fiscal principles with private social action," said Diamond. "When Americans have something to offer, they will reach out to help their fellow man. The problem today is that big government is economically squeezing the average family so much that they simply have nothing left to give."

Diamond, who has not sported short hair in over twenty years, considers the pending loss inconsequential compared to what a prospective recipient faces.

"The self-esteem of a child is critical to overall well-being and we need to make every effort to allow all children to see themselves in a positive light. How could anyone resist the urge to help? This group needs hair and I happen to have some. It's a pretty simple equation," concluded Diamond.

Locks of Love donors generally include a financial contribution in addition to their freshly shorn hair. More information about the group is available on its website, www.locksoflove.org.

The Libertarian Party, the third largest and fastest growing political party in Pennsylvania and the nation, continues to provide a beacon of hope for voters disillusioned by the fog of Big Government.

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National Libertarian Party Helping in 101st Race

PA General Assembly (101st) and Congressional (17th) candidate Russ Diamond will be joined at the polls on April 27th by national Libertarian Party Ballot Access Chair William Redpath.

The Libertarians will be gathering signatures in order to get all state and federal candidates on the ballot in the general election in November. Primary Election day kicks off a statewide drive for the LP that will run through mid-July and has a goal of over 30,000 signatures.

Redpath, who also serves as treasurer for the national LP, will travel from Leesburg, VA to work the 101st District polls, where members of the Diamond team will also be asking voters to defeat the \$250 million bond issue ballot question.

Diamond credited his selection by the LP to the positive influence his campaign has already had.

"We planned from the beginning to run a campaign unlike anything seen from the Libertarian Party before in central Pennsylvania," Diamond said. "Bill could have gone to Philly or Pittsburgh, but the LP has selected this race in Lebanon County instead. I'm proud of the efforts our campaign volunteers have put forth to attract this kind of national attention."

Diamond today also confirmed he is waging a write-in campaign to become the Democratic nominee in the 101st District as well.

"I was simply stunned that the Lebanon County Democratic Committee could not find anyone willing to run for this important office. We've knocked on hundreds of doors this week and Democratic voters who weren't aware were equally shocked. Others who knew about the vacancy disclosed extreme disappointment. We've had an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response from Democrats and will continue to pound the pavement until Tuesday.

"One candidate appearing on both the Democratic and Libertarian slates will provide a unique opportunity for voters in the 101st to actually witness a race contested on issues, as opposed to simply accepting whichever Republican name is on the ballot. We are proud of the coalition of voters from across the political spectrum, including Republicans, who've chosen to support our campaign."

The Libertarian Party, the third largest and fastest growing political party in Pennsylvania and the nation, provides a beacon of hope for voters disillusioned by the fog of Big Government.

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Libertarian Penn

Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

Fall 2004

The Time is Right!

Betsy Summers, Betsy@VoteForBetsy.org

I have good news and bad news.

The good news is that people are listening. The bad news is that cloning might not work in a free market system because only candidates will want to have it done. There just isn't enough time in the day for one person to do everything that needs to be done.

Yes, the people are listening. I have had a person working in the Republican booth at the Italian Fest in Scranton lean over and quietly tell me that I have his vote because he hates Specter. Hate is a pretty strong word, but I have had a lot of people use it when they talk about Arlen. As for Mr. Hoeffel, no one even knows who he is. A woman whom I

met at that same festival called a local talk show and told the host that she just had to have me on (I am working on scheduling it with her now). At a trap-shooting club BBQ, I was told a story about how Specter was escorted out by angry club members.

Then I impressed them by getting in a line-up and shooting 12 out of 25.

At the fairs, I go to the booths and ask them if all of the government regulation makes it difficult for them to earn a little extra money. The answer is always yes. At the church booths we discuss how the welfare system traps women into a life of poverty and how church member's tax dollars are used for things that they consider immoral.

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Libertarian Candidate, Betsy Summers is going places!

A Message from the Chair, David R. Jahn, LPPa Chair, chair@lppa.org

This summer was perhaps the most challenging I've ever endured. For four consecutive years, I've run for political office and have dedicated at least some of my summer to signature gathering and campaigning for office, but this year was different. It wasn't just about me. This year was about being responsible for getting our presidential and other statewide candidates on the ballot.

We began and ended the mission with no funds, a small pool of volunteers, and a lot of concern. Somewhere along the way we picked up more support, a few paid petitioners many of whom were sent into the state under the direction of Bill Redpath from the Libertarian

National Committee, and the funds needed to get the job done.

In the end, our volunteers had collected 21,606 signatures and the paid petitioners had gathered another 22,630. I was quite impressed with the effort put forward by Pennsylvania Libertarians and so were the folks at the State Bureau of Elections.

We should take a moment to appreciate our accomplishments, but not much more than that, because now is the time to really get busy. We need our candidates to be the best they can be. We need them to get the Libertarian message out and for them to be heard. The more support they get from us the more successful

they will be. They need supporting staff, volunteers, campaign funds, poll workers and more. Please take time to look over our list of candidates in this issue and offer your support to those candidates that are working for you. They are leading the charge to preserve our liberties. Let them know you appreciate their sacrifice and support their efforts in any way you can.

Lastly, no one has stepped forward yet to host next years Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania convention and the board is still accepting proposals. Shoot me an email at chair@lppa.org if you are interested in organizing next years convention in your county.

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24 Libertarian Candidates on the Ballot in Pennsylvania

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The Time is Right (Continued from Page 1)

I spoke about this with a Pittsburgh reporter, and after a long silence, he responded in a quiet voice, "I never thought about it that way before." I can't wait to see what he actually writes.

I have been told that these events are usually crawling with politicians but this year none of them are out. It seems that everything is going to the "controlled event" where the candidate doesn't have to answer to the real concerns of the people.

The time is right. People feel disenfran-

chised and angry. A recent poll showed that 12% were going to vote for "Other" in the Senatorial race in Pennsylvania. I am thinking of changing my name to "Other".

We are running out of time and we need your help!

Call your local candidate and volunteer to help them campaign (it's cheaper than cloning). Write a letter to the editor and call into talk shows. If none of these are your "thing" then remember that time is money. By sending a donation you will enable your candi-

dates to print signs, pamphlets, bumper stickers, and bar coasters (I'm keeping Russ Diamond's coaster as a campaign souvenir). We are making people think about what choices need to be made on November 2nd. Become a part of it and join in the excitement. I hope to meet you on the campaign trail

Betsy Summers is the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate and will appear in the debates on October 2nd and 9th. Her website is www.VoteForBetsy.org.

Closing the Deal: A Call to Action

Russ Diamond, russ@russdiamond.org

If you've been paying attention, you already realize there are some very exciting things happening within the LPPa this year. We had a great ballot access drive and we are poised to make history in November.

We have strong federal and state candidates running exciting campaigns. Many of you have personally dug deep into your pockets to help, and on behalf of all LPPa candidates, I thank you.

But we haven't heard from some of you in a long time: We understand – really, we do. With economic pressures bearing down from all levels of government, it can be difficult to spare any extra funds, even in an important year for Libertarians.

But not to worry – there is something you can do to help, even if you're strapped for cash. You can contribute to the fight for Liberty without spending a dime – by volunteering to help out on Election Day, November 2nd

This is the most critical volunteer opportunity remaining for all LPPa members.

What we need you to do is take off work November 2nd and volunteer to help a Libertarian candidate at the polls



Libertarian Candidate, Russ Diamond with Buddy, the high tech campaign wagon.

for the day. It's not hard – all you have to do is hang around the polls and hand some literature to every voter who shows up. You don't even have to talk to anyone – except maybe to say 'Hi'!

It's simple. It promotes Liberty. It is a proven key to success in elections. Best of all - it's free. It won't cost you a dime - and there will probably be some sort of celebration and accommodations afterward.

Now that you're convinced it's the right thing to do - whom should you contact?

Well, there may be an LP candidate near you. Check the complete list of candidates on the opposite page. If there are no candidates listed in your area, please contact Bruce Shannon at 717.503.2959 or brucebond007@comcast.net.

Russ Diamond is the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Congress in the 17th District and State Representative in the 101st District. His website is www.RussDiamond.org.

Libertarian Presidential Candidate to Tour Pennsylvania

James Babb, Chair, Pennsylvanians for Badnarik, jamesbabb@mac.com

Libertarian Presidential candidate, Michael Badnarik will be campaigning in Pennsylvania September 26th - 29th. Volunteers from all over the state have worked together to produce a whirlwind 4 day tour including 10 cities, 5 universities, 3 fundraisers and multiple media interviews. Expect to see local Libertarian candidates involved in all events.

The primary purpose of the visit is to grow the Libertarian party and gain valuable media exposure for Libertarians in our state. To further these ends, Pennsylvanians for Badnarik is raising funds for television commercials here in Pennsylvania. Libertarians should make it a priority to show their support for our candidates at one or more of these events.

Although the times listed are accurate at the time of printing, the schedule may be adjusted for additional last minute media interviews. You can view an updated schedule at <http://tinyurl.com/4fjsz>. If you have any questions, contact the specific event coordinator or call 610-539-8825.



Join Pennsylvanians for Badnarik by sending a blank email to: Pa4Badnarik-subscribe@yahooogroups.com.

Sunday, September 26th: Pittsburgh Area events

3:00 - 5:00 pm: University of Pittsburgh, Posvar Hall, Room 1700 (Harold Kyriazi is organizer hk+@pitt.edu)

6:00 - 8:00 pm: Carnegie Mellon University, Doherty Hall, Room 1212 (Joshua Born is organizer, jborn@andrew.cmu.edu)

6:00 - 9:00 pm: Reading, PA area: Dinner with Michael Badnarik, Dempsey's American Kitchen, Route 222 & 724, Shillington, Pa., Phone 610 775 0673. Dinner from Menu, 7:30 address the group. (Tom Schlegel is organizer, TSchlegel779@msn.com)
Alternate: "Open Debates" Debate at Swarthmore (Only if Bush or Kerry dare to face Mr. B.)

Monday, September 27th

2:00 - 3:00 pm Dickinson Law School in Carlisle, PA (Ron Goodman is organizer, rocket1g@earthlink.net)

4:30 - 5:00 pm: Press Conference in Lebanon, PA with Russ Diamond, Libertarian Candidate, PA House of Representatives, 101st District and US House of Representatives, PA 17th District in Lebanon (Russ Diamond is organizer, russ@raintree.com)

7:00 - 11:00 pm: Libertarian Presidential Campaign Fundraiser Banquet Featuring Michael Badnarik General Lafayette Inn & Brewery, Lafayette Hill, PA
PDF Flyer: <http://tinyurl.com/4zfr4>
RSVP form (required): <http://tinyurl.com/5yh7m>
(Jim Babb is organizer, jamesbabb@mac.com)

Tuesday, September 28th

8:00 am - 9:00 am: Radio interview WCHE1520 AM in West Chester, PA.

12:00 - 2:00 pm: Allentown area Fundraising Luncheon, (Rich Piotrowski is organizer, rich@richpiotrowski.org)

Wednesday, September 29th

10:00 - 11:00 am Radio Times interview at WHY 91 FM, Live stream at www.why.org

11:15 am - 12:30 pm Lunch and Photos at the Reading Terminal Market (Jim Babb is organizer, jamesbabb@mac.com)

1:00 - 2:30 pm Temple University in Philadelphia (presented by TempleNORML, Brian Kant is organizer, bkant@temple.edu)

3:40 to 5:30 pm Villanova University School of Law, Room 101, Presented by Villanova Libertarians. "The U.S. Constitution: a Libertarian perspective" (Chuck Moulton is organizer, chuck@moulton.org)

6:30 - 9:30 pm Catholic Peace and Justice Groups Present "Candidates' Night", Havertown, PA
Full Details: <http://tinyurl.com/5ssl2>
(Darren Wolfe is organizer, design2021@hotmail.com)

Where Do We Go From Here?

Rich Piotrowski, campaign@rich2004.com

Life as a full-time Libertarian candidate is an experience all to itself. One moment you are ignored, the next you're being treated like a junior celebrity. It's one giant roller coaster ride!

Although I am 99% wrapped up in my current campaign, a part of me is thinking about our next move as a state party. Where do we go from here? What do we do after November 2nd to keep this great momentum going? In years past, after the elections in November, we've been like bears going off to hibernate. The simple truth is we just cannot afford to function this way.

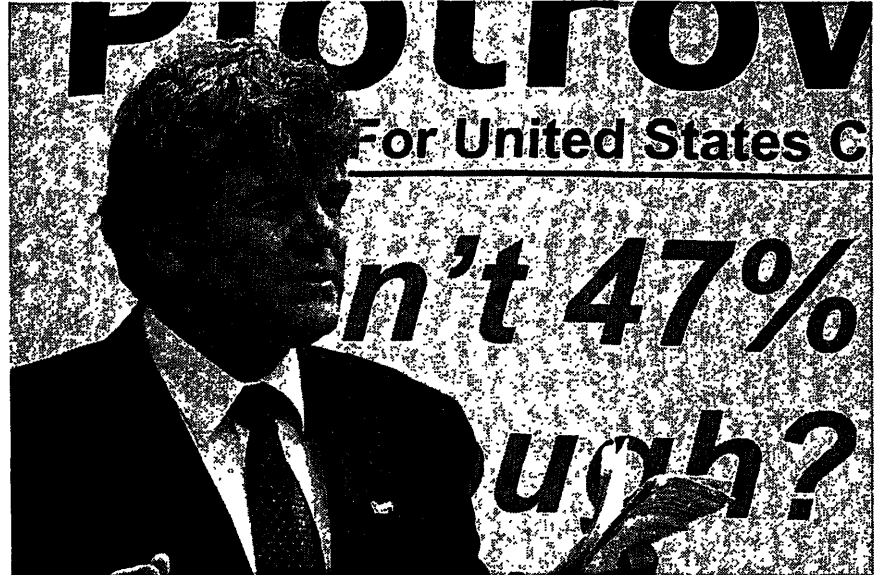
To that end, I want to take a break from the campaign trail for a moment to suggest what our next move has to be. As a party, we have reached the point where there is no way that we can continue to operate with a 100% volunteer organization. It's time for us to take the success the LP will have this November to the next level. To do this we need a full-time Executive Director for the LPPa.

Invariably, the immediate questions everyone asks are: Can we afford this? Who will the Executive Director be, and how many members believe that we need to create this full-time

position? While the space limitations of this article doesn't allow me to go into great detail, I believe the time to start to talk about this is now.

It may be a cliché, but the real answer to the first question is: Can we afford not to do this? Being a candidate is tough enough, and raising money is not easy, but if we are going to continue to recruit

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Libertarian Candidate, Rich Piotrowski addresses media at Allentown press conference.

full-time candidates campaigning at the level Russ, Betsy and I are, we need to have, at the very least, the basics covered. Without professional staff to answer phones and respond to inquiries in a timely fashion, the LPPa may seem like a store that is never open. The LPPa needs to be run like a business. We

need someone to run and operate our store.

Addressing the next question: Who will that person be? The answer to this is tied in to the question of: How can we pay for this? We need a per-

son that is not only fully capable to do the job, but can also find a way to pay for it! Ongoing fund-raising will be part of the Executive Director's job. A few people have talked to me about putting myself up for the position after November, and I am seriously considering it. I would hope that other people would also consider stepping forward to apply. The party will be best served by

having different people present what their plan would be. The key to success is for the State Party to agree to create the position now, so we can move forward

The final question is: Will the members support it? As the job will have to be essentially "self-funding," the members will get to say yes or no by voting with their dollars. I give the idea my pledge of support and hope that many others will, too.

This is the next and necessary step in our evolution as a viable alternative and a strong political party. The time to create this position is now while we have the momentum. Let's leave the hibernating to the bears while we get to work building this party into an unstoppable force in politics!

Rich Piotrowski is the Libertarian Candidate for U.S. Congress in the 15th District. He can be reached at campaign@rich2004.com or www.rich2004.com

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Liberty: The Highest Political End

Matthew J. Brouillette, CEO of The Commonwealth Foundation, 717-671-1901

Mark Twain supposedly once quipped that "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the Legislature is in session." He must have had the Pennsylvania General Assembly in mind.

With more than 5,000 bills introduced and more than 240 new Acts on the books this legislative session alone, state politicians regularly exceed their legitimate and properly limited role as defenders of our Liberty. But just how bad are things in Harrisburg?

Recently, the Commonwealth Foundation completed a first-of-its-kind analysis of every single bill that became an Act during the 2003-2004 legislative session to date. We evaluated every new law by answering a very simple question, "Does this Act expand or contract the Liberty of the people of Pennsylvania?"

Unlike most special interest groups that consider only a handful of laws on selected issues, our analysis reflects the fact that every law ultimately has an impact on the Liberty of all Pennsylvanians. As a result, The Liberty Index provides Pennsylvanians with the fairest and most comprehensive analysis of the overall performance of their state legislators and governor.

With legislators' "Liberty Index" scores ranging between 17 and 54 on a 100 point scale, the condition of Liberty in Pennsylvania is in tatters. Instead of filling the role of protector of citizens' "certain inalienable rights," our politicians are increasingly trying to assume the paternalistic role of provider. The problem, however, is that government has nothing to give of its own. It can only give that which it first takes away from someone else—by depriving that individual of his Liberty, particularly the fruits of his labor.

As a whole, the General Assembly's average Liberty Grade was a D (a Liberty Index score of 28.84446), with

more Fs (111) than As, Bs, and Cs combined (89). As parties, the Republicans earned an average Liberty Grade of C- (32.93080), while the Democrats earned an average Liberty Grade of F+ (23.94085). Governor Ed Rendell, who technically voted "yes" on every bill by signing them into law, earned a Liberty Grade of F- (17.37813).

Interestingly, the highest and lowest Liberty Grades were earned by Republicans. Rep. Daryl Metcalfe (12th District-Butler) scored the highest A (53.77567), while Sen. Joe Conti (10th District-Bucks) scored the lowest F- (17.28487). The highest scoring Democrat in the General Assembly—Rep. Greg Vitali (166th District-Delaware), who earned a B- (40.91110)—outscored more than 80 percent of the Republicans.

Most telling, however, of why our Liberty is in such bad shape are the scores of the General Assembly's "leadership"—the members of the House and Senate who decide which bills come to a vote in the first place. Speaker of House John Perzel (172nd District-Philadelphia), arguably the most powerful Republican in the state, earned a solid F (20.70967) in his defense of Liberty—ranking him 193rd out of 203 House members. As a whole, the average Liberty Grade for the General Assembly leadership members was a woeful F+ (22.52410), with 24 Fs, 4 Ds, and 2 Cs.

Clearly, the strict limits on the power of government envisioned by our Founding Fathers have been thrown off by today's modern politicians. Indeed, many of our state legislators will likely disagree with our analysis of legislation and its impact on Liberty. That is understandable, particularly given their poor performance. We, however, hold dearly to Lord John Acton's declaration that "Liberty is not a means to a higher political end. It is itself the highest political end."

The standard for Liberty is high because so much is at stake. History has demonstrated that Liberty is far too important for it to be a mere legislative afterthought. Philadelphian Benjamin Franklin understood this when he reminded his fellow countrymen that "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Unfortunately, most of the bills passed during this legislative session were designed to provide some level of "safety" for some Pennsylvanians. Be it in the form of pharmaceutical welfare for seniors, "economic development" welfare for corporations and other quasi-government entities or through the expansion of other non-core government programs, Franklin noted that the costs of such governmental "safety" are irreconcilable with government's limited role as the defender of Liberty.

Fortunately, however, our "certain unalienable rights" can be restored. Mankind is not tired of Liberty, as Benito Mussolini declared in 1923. But it will require our legislators—and the people who elect them to office—to once again make Liberty the highest political end, not merely a means to another political goal.

Matthew J. Brouillette is president and CEO of The Commonwealth Foundation (www.CommonwealthFoundation.org), a public policy research and educational institute dedicated to advancing the Founding principles of limited constitutional government, economic and political freedom, and individual responsibility for one's actions.

NOTE: The Liberty Index: A Report Card on the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, 2003-2004 Legislative Session is available at www.CommonwealthFoundation.org/LibertyIndex.shtml

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Ballot Access Report: Success at a Price

James Babb, jamesbabb@mac.com

First, the good news. Pennsylvania Libertarians completed the ballot access process by turning in over 44,000 signatures to the department of state. The turn in far surpassed the requirement and therefore made a challenge impractical. Even after our statewide goal was achieved, the effort to secure ballot positions for our local candidates continued up to the last day. Volunteer efforts were impressive. Many Libertarians also reached deep in their wallets to fund the professional petitioners that played a vital role. The combined effort put 24 candidates on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

The not so good news: The ballot access drive was expensive. The Libertarian National Committee and Badnarik for President organizations both contributed large amounts of money to ensure that that our statewide candidates were on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

Hope for the future: The LPPa is on track for independent ballot access in 2006. New committees are already preparing for a more efficient, less expensive petition drive, funded exclusively by Pennsylvania Libertarians. As soon as the

election cycle is complete, ballot access fundraising will begin. Expect to see a new convenient pledge structure to facilitate early and consistent fundraising. Your participation will be the key to our independence.

Nationwide perspective: Michael Badnarik and Richard Campagna will be on at least 49 ballots in November, far more than any other minor party or independent candidate. Libertarians across the country are united in support of our candidates.

2004 Ballot Access Funds Raised by the LPPa:

Libertarian National Committee	\$19,580.25
Badnarik for President	\$10,000.00
Pennsylvania Libertarians	\$6,763.76
Total:	\$36,344.01

Signatures Collected:

Volunteers:	21,606
Paid Petitioners:	22,630
Total:	44,236

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RussDiamond.org Committee - Loans Received

DATE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	DESCRIPTION
Dec. 15, 2003	Russ Diamond	\$5,000.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Loan
Aug. 2, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$112.34	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Loan
Aug. 8, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$5,000.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Loan
Nov. 12, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$3,500.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Loan**
TOTAL		\$13,462.34		

RussDiamond.org - Contributions \$50 or Less

DATE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	DESCRIPTION
April 12, 2004	N/A	\$350.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contributions
May 17, 2004	N/A	\$25.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contribution(s)
Oct. 18, 2004	N/A	\$2,235.75	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contributions
Nov. 22, 2004	N/A	\$128.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contributions
TOTAL		\$2,738.75		

RussDiamond.org Committee - Contributions \$50.01-\$250

DATE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	DESCRIPTION
Feb. 14, 2004	Harry Lindgren - Annville	\$75.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Feb. 14, 2004	Raymond Ondrusek - Richland	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
March 15, 2004	Russell L. Diamond - Annville	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
March 31, 2004	Lori L. Kimmel - Lebanon	\$58.50	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
April 5, 2004	James Babb - Norristown	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
April 19, 2004	Kim & Al Keefer - Annville	\$200.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
May 27, 2004	Ronald Goodman - Carlisle	\$25.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
May 27, 2004	Mark Crowley - Pittsburgh	\$75.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
July 6, 2004	Mark Crowley - Pittsburgh	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
July 6, 2004	Ronald Goodman - Carlisle	\$25.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Aug. 2, 2004	George Gardner - Carlisle	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Aug. 2, 2004	Henry E. Haller III - Valencia	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Sept. 7, 2004	Cortney Birenbaum - Lansdale	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Sept. 7, 2004	Mark Crowley - Pittsburgh	\$50.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Sept. 21, 2004	Douglas Keegan - Mechanicsburg	\$160.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Sept. 21, 2004	Ellen Blickman - Bethlehem	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Sept. 21, 2004	Mark Crowley - Pittsburgh	\$40.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Sept. 21, 2004	Mary Hughes - Mechanicsburg	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Sept. 21, 2004	Ronald Goodman - Carlisle	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Sept. 26, 2004	P. Michael Riffert - Lititz	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Sept. 26, 2004	Ronald Goodman - Carlisle	\$50.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Oct. 13, 2004	G.O. Hansen - Philadelphia	\$200.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution
Oct. 13, 2004	James Panyard - Palmyra	\$100.00	RussDiamond.org	Comm. Contribution

RussDiamond.org Committee - Contributions over \$250

DATE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	DISCRIPTION
July 6, 2004	John Wisotzky - York	\$1,000.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contribution
Aug. 2, 2004	Russell H. Diamond - Annville	\$407.34	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contribution
Aug. 2, 2004	Russell L. Diamond - Annville	\$400.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contribution
Aug. 8, 2004	Russell H. Diamond - Annville	\$5,000.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contribution
Sept. 21, 2004	Emily Felty - Annville	\$275.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contribution
Sept. 21, 2004	Kevin Brophy - Annville	\$2,000.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contribution
Sept. 26, 2004	Leon Johnson - Williamsport	\$500.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contribution
Nov. 12, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$3,500.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Contribution**

RussDiamond.org Committee Income/In-Kinds Received

DATE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	DESCRIPTION
January 7, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$262.50	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Campaign photos
January 7, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$297.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Website registration
January 7, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$5,043.75	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Website design
January 19, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$57.24	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Office supplies
January 23, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$313.35	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Design/Print postcards
Feb. 6, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$85.33	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Mailer/postcards/yardsigns
Feb. 27, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$93.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Secure web certificate
March 15, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$154.55	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Office supplies/postage
March 15, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$291.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Campaign buttons
March 20, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$250.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Deposit on litter bags
March 20, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$535.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Advertising magnets
April 12, 2004	N/A	\$26.94	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - N/A
April 16, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$145.91	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Advertising
April 27, 2004	Russ Diamond	\$55.81	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Primary night food
May 27, 2004	Russell H. Diamond	\$121.80	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - office supplies
July 19, 2004	Russell H. Diamond	\$4.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - notary
Aug. 2, 2004	Russ H. Diamond	\$92.66	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - Use of russdiamond.org web site for 17 th Congressional race
Sept. 8, 2004	David Dering-Lancaster	\$1,286.40	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - promotional CDs
Sept. 8, 2004	Russell H. Diamond	\$1,781.25	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - record radio spots
Oct. 22, 2004	Mary Diamond - Annville	\$64.67	RussDiamond.org Comm.	In-Kind - Paper product for post-election party

RussDiamond.org Committee Expenditures

DATE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	DESCRIPTION
Jan. 2, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$37.73	Lebanon Valley Farmers Bank	Notary services
Jan. 17, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$150.00	Lebanon Valley Mail	Announcement Rally License
Jan. 23, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$333.50	Postmaster	Postage
Jan. 24, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$50.00	Lebanon County Election Board	Election results lists
Jan. 27, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$6.00	Bonnie Metzler - Annville	Notary Service
Feb. 1, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$16.10	Postmaster	Postage
Feb. 10, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$532.12	Just Your Style - Lebanon	Campaign signs
April 13, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$100.00	Community of Lebanon Assoc	Advertising
April 14, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$6.00	Peggy Clements - Annville	Notary fees
April 26, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$290.00	Harrisburg Screen Graphics	Advertising
May 7, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$902.40	Absorbent Ink. - Lawrence, KS	Advertising
May 7, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$50.00	GSH Auxiliary - Lebanon	Advertising
May 7, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$100.00	Lebanon Valley Family YMCA	Advertising
May 7, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$147.61	Staples	Office supplies
May 24, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$6.00	Bonnie Metzler - Annville	Notary
May 25, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$75.20	Postmaster	Postage
May 28, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$0.10	Lebanon Valley Farmers Bank	Bank service charge
June 5, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$230.00	Postmaster	Postage
June 15, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$230.00	Postmaster	Postage
June 17, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$54.00	Kapp Advertising - Lebanon	Advertising
July 5, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$81.80	Lebanon Daily News	Advertising
July 8, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$75.00	Howard Studios - Lebanon	Campaign photos
July 9, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$100.00	Russ Diamond	State house filing fees
July 9, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$150.00	Russ Diamond	Partial loan repayment
July 12, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$230.00	Postmaster	Postage
July 14, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$156.00	Peggy Clements - Annville	Notary fees
July 20, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$493.27	Bruce Shannon - Annville	Insurance
July 20, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$15.00	Lebanon Fair	Car show entry fee
July 20, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$295.00	Russ Diamond	Partial loan repayment
July 23, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$625.40	Just Your Style - Lebanon	Signs
July 30, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$48.00	PA Auto License Brokers	Notary fees
July 30, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$230.00	Postmaster	Postage
Aug. 13, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,178.00	Raintree Studios	Promotional brochures
Aug. 16, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$37.00	Postmaster	Postage
Aug. 23, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$267.00	Postmaster	Postage
Aug. 26, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$100.00	Light's Welding - Annville	Signs

Aug. 27, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$111.00	Postmaster	Postage
Aug. 29, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$8.00	Annvilke Youth League	Car show entry fee
Aug. 29, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$8.00	Lawn Fire Company	Car show entry fee
Sept. 5, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$150.00	Lebanon Daily News	Advertising
Sept. 5, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,321.63	Poll Graphics - St. Paul Park, MN	Yard Signs
Sept. 5, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$377.54	Thompson Merchandising, Madison, WA	Litter bags-promo materials
Sept. 9, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$230.00	Postmaster	Postage
Sept. 10, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$359.60	Harrisburg Hilton	Fundraiser refreshments
Sept. 15, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$100.00	Annvilke Cleona Women of Today	Donation
Sept. 26, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$50.00	Community of Lebanon Assoc	Craft show entry fee
Sept. 26, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$230.00	Postmaster	Postage
Oct. 3, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$105.79	Staples	Office supplies
Oct. 10, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$304.00	Postmaster	Postage
Oct. 10, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,050.00	Raintree Studios	Postcards
Oct. 10, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$448.95	Russ Diamond	Promotional material
Oct. 10, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$490.00	Union Hose Company - Annville	Post election party
Oct. 12, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$525.45	Staples	Copies
Oct. 15, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$82.19	Walmart	Trick or treat night promo items
Oct. 19, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$143.70	Harrisburg Patriot News	Advertising
Oct. 19, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$116.11	Sam's Club	Halloween candy-promo events
Oct. 19, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$31.74	Staples	Office supplies
Oct. 21, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$6.00	Carol Dougherty - Annville	Notary services
Oct. 24, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,853.40	Raintree	Printing
Oct. 24, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$10.15	Staples	Office supplies
Oct. 25, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$674.74	Finishing Touch - Lebanon	Bulk mailing preparation
Oct. 25, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,535.17	Postmaster	Bulk mailing
Oct. 25, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,123.42	Postmaster	Bulk mailing
Nov. 15, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$200.00	Ellen Blickman - Bethlehem	Fundraising letter
Nov. 15, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$2,368.95	Lebanon Broadcasting	Advertising
Nov. 15, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,074.00	Lebanon Daily News	Advertising
Nov. 15, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$54.66	Poli Graphics, St. Paul Park, MN	Signs

RussDiamond.org Committee ExpendituresONLY THOSE TO "RUSS DIAMOND," "RAINTREE STUDIOS," OR "RAINTREE"

DATE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	DESCRIPTION
July 9, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$100.00	Russ Diamond	State House filing fees
July 9, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$150.00	Russ Diamond	Partial loan repayment
July 20, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$295.00	Russ Diamond	Partial loan repayment
Aug. 13, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,178.00	Raintree Studios	Promotional brochures
Oct. 10, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,050.00	Raintree Studios	Postcards
Oct. 10, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$448.95	Russ Diamond	Promotional material
Oct. 24, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,853.40	Raintree	Printing
TOTAL		\$5075.35		

In 2004:

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Aug. 2 was the last day to circulate and file nomination papers for minor political party candidates.

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Russ Diamond (candidate) - Income / Contributions / In-Kinds Received

DATE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	DESCRIPTION
July 9, 2004	RussDiamond.org Committee	\$150.00	Russ Diamond (cand.)	Partial Loan Repayment
July 20, 2004	RussDiamond.org Committee	\$295.00	Russ Diamond (cand.)	Partial Loan Repayment
TOTAL		\$445.00		

Russ Diamond (candidate) - Expenditures

DATE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	DESCRIPTION
Dec. 15, 2003	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$5,000.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Loan
Jan. 7, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$262.50	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - campaign photos
Jan. 7, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$297.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - website registrations
Jan. 7, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$5,043.75	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - website design
Jan. 19, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$57.24	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - office supplies
Jan. 23, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$313.35	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - design/print postcards
Feb. 6, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$85.33	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - mailers/copies/yardsigns
Feb. 10, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$117.60	Libertarian Party of Lebanon County	Payment - party banners
Feb. 20, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$99.00	Libertarian Party of Lebanon County	Payment - convention registration
Feb. 27, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$93.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - secure web certificate
March 15, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$291.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - campaign buttons
March 15, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$154.55	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - office supplies/postage
March 20, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$250.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - deposit on litter bags
March 20, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$535.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - advertising magnets
March 21, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$1,781.25	Friends of Karen Rowe	Payment - website design
July 22, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$100.00	Plotowski for Congress (Libertarian, 15 th District)	Campaign contribution
Aug. 2, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$407.34	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Loan
Aug. 2, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$92.66	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Payment - Use of russdiamond.org web site for 17 th district race
Aug. 8, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$5,000.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Loan
Nov. 12, 2004	Russ Diamond (cand.)	\$3,500.00	RussDiamond.org Comm.	Loan
TOTAL		\$23,480.57		

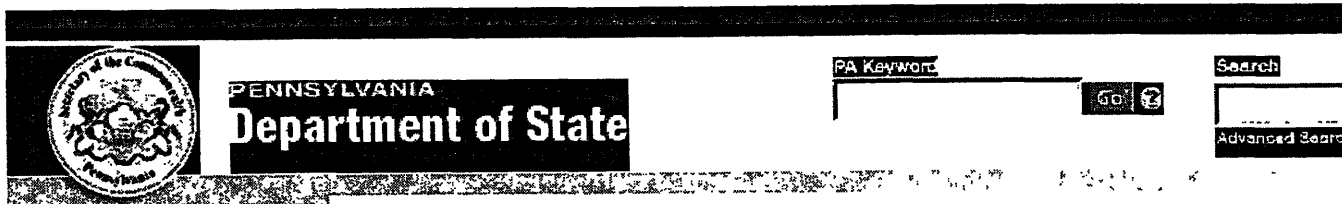
As of November 22, 2004 "Russ Diamond (candidate)" listed an ending cash balance of negative \$23,237.29.

\$23,480.57 - \$445.00 = \$23,035.57

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EXHIBIT 10

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- [Orphan Search](#)

Basic Entity Information

Entity Type FICTITIOUS NAME
Entity Name RAINTREE PRODUCTIONS
Entity No. 2183106
Filing Date 12/07/1992 **Letter of Consent** No
Address 1135 E CHESTNUT ST
LEBANON Pennsylvania USA 17042
County Lebanon **Jurisdiction** PA
Purpose RECORDING STUDIO
Limited Authority No

Fictitious Owners

1 RUSSELL H DIAMOND

Instrument History

Doc Type	Microfilm#	Micro# Start	Micro# End	Filing Date
FICTITIOUS NAME AMENDMENT	9354	629	630	08/11/1993
FICTITIOUS NAME	9301	225	226	12/07/1992

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DATE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	DESCRIPTION
July 9, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$100.00	Russ Diamond	State House filing fees
July 9, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$150.00	Russ Diamond	Partial loan repayment
July 20, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$295.00	Russ Diamond	Partial loan repayment
Aug. 13, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,178.00	Raintree Studios	Promotional brochures
Oct. 10, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,050.00	Raintree Studios	Postcards
Oct. 10, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$448.95	Russ Diamond	Promotional material
Oct. 24, 2004	RussDiamond.org Comm.	\$1,853.40	Raintree	Printing
TOTAL		\$5075.35		

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EXHIBIT 11

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Russ Diamond (candidate)

<u>Reporting Period Ending Date</u>	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
December 31, 2003	\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)
April 12, 2004	(\$5,000.00)	(\$14,380.57)
May 17, 2004*	(\$14,389.57)	(\$14,582.29)
October 18, 2004	(\$14,582.29)	(\$19,737.29)
November 22, 2004	(\$19,737.29)	(\$23,237.29)

(*Complete report not available)

RussDiamond.org Committee

<u>Reporting Period Ending Date</u>	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
December 31, 2003	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
April 12, 2004	\$5,000.00	\$4,658.05
May 17, 2004	\$4,658.05	\$3,287.04
October 18, 2004	\$3,287.04	\$6,553.60
November 22, 2004**	\$6,553.60	\$529.83

(**Unpaid debt and obligations on this report total \$13,462.34)

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EXHIBIT 12

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Election complaint filed against Diamond
Thursday, February 03, 2005
BY MONICA VON DOBENECK
Of Our Palmyra Bureau

ANNVILLE - The state Republican Committee is following through on its threat to file a complaint against Russ Diamond with the Federal Election Commission.

Diamond was a Libertarian candidate for both the seat representing western Lebanon County in the state House and the congressional seat held by U.S. Rep. Tim Holden in November's election.

In October, Dan Hayward, executive director of the Republican State Committee, said the committee planned to file a complaint because Diamond mixed his federal and state campaign funds.

The complaint was filed Dec. 20. In it, Hayward said Diamond's fliers for both campaigns said they were paid for by russdiamond.org. He said Diamond used the same office and the same Web site for both campaigns and has not filed with the Federal Election Commission.

Diamond said Hayward's complaint is "frivolous, poorly researched and uninformed."

He said his total expenditures for his campaign for the 17th Congressional District were \$4.50 for paper and \$92.66 for reimbursement to the state campaign for use of the Web site. His campaign office was the same as his business office. The FEC only requires reporting if expenditures exceed \$5,000, he said.

He said Hayward's comments before the election were "an effort to discredit my good name and have me excluded from another debate," an effort Diamond said succeeded. Contributions to his campaign for the 101st state House seat fell after the accusations, he said in a letter to the FEC.

Diamond has since switched his affiliation from Libertarian to Republican. He said it was to help Republican voters "reclaim ownership of their party."

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EXHIBIT 13

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leaders can focus their attention on domestic issues and equal treatment of all Americans.

By providing foreign aid from public funds, we risk entering entangling treaties with unintended - and undesirable - side effects

By providing corporate aid from public funds, we allow a privileged few to benefit unfairly from the labor of all Americans

7. We must immediately steer our nation toward energy independence.

The lessons of the oil embargo of the 1970's have been forgotten by our elected officials and the American people are only beginning to pay the price

Congress must do everything within its Constitutional powers to encourage our scientific community, in concert with private industry, to develop safe and clean renewable energy resources and bring them to market.

Congress must also de-emphasize federal spending on highways serving individual vehicles and encourage privately held fuel-efficient mass transportation alternatives.

8. We should immediately cease passing federal tax dollars to state and local projects.

Such projects deserve the benefits of community incentive, individualized planning and local funding. The effectiveness of any federal dollars collected for state and local projects is greatly diminished by the cost of wasteful federal administration.

At most, the federal government should provide a data clearinghouse and information resource where state and local governments can search for blueprints of successful similar projects.

9. Congress must enact a permanent freeze on all non-relative legislative amendments or riders.

All matters before Congress should be single-issue bills. Every issue should come before Congress on its own merit

Senators and Representatives will be less pressured into voting for sound policy with questionable amendments - or bad policy with favorite pork projects attached.

10. Congress must take whatever steps necessary to require a two-thirds majority for approval of any federal spending.

This will naturally bring about only those appropriations most beneficial to all Americans, because they are supported by a

clearer majority of Congress.

11. Congress must encourage the States to adopt a nationwide Primary election day, grant equal ballot access rules for all and require a certifiable record of all votes cast in elections.

Congress should also encourage the States to adopt a unified polling schedule for national elections where no region's polls are opened or closed before another's

Congress should declare both Primary Election Day and General Election Day a holiday to encourage the participation of all Americans

Summary

By following these steps, our federal government will naturally become more streamlined and effective at protecting the life, liberty and property of all Americans as dictated by the Constitution

Some opponents may say things just aren't this simple. They will say this because they personally benefit from the excesses of our current system and have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo

Just as the powers of government can only be assigned through a mandate of the people, the finances of government must be in direct correlation to the ability of the governed to prosper individually.

With an understanding that Big Government is not always the best solution - and in fact usually only compounds our problems by increasing the burden for working Americans - we can once again allow prosperity and liberty to spread across our nation

Establishing these foreign policies will go far in establishing a lasting Peace. Establishing these economic policies will go far in insuring renewed Prosperity. America would once again be the envy of the world - a beacon of hope that guides other nations by example, not force, and provides its citizens with real opportunities to succeed

Together, Americans have built the greatest nation of the modern era. Together, Americans have achieved goals that were once unimaginable

Together, we can restore the City On The Hill.

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for **Congress**
17th District

*Restoring the
City on the Hill*

A Plan for
Peace and Prosperity

Introduction

Not too long ago, America stood as a shining example of freedom and prosperity for all other nations to emulate. People of nearly every nationality clamored to set foot on our shores and weave themselves into the fabric of our society.

Americans were encouraged to plot their own course and reap the fruits of their labor. Such free market capitalism built the greatest, most industrious nation of the modern era. From it sprang the benefits of technological wonders, world-class education, excellent health care and the highest standard of living in the world.

Those who succeeded exhibited a distinctly American pride in their individual accomplishments. Those who didn't were encouraged to pull themselves up by their bootstraps, learn from their experience and try again.

Often, success stories were built on the lessons of previous failures. Just as regularly, those who succeeded became pillars of their communities, contributing vast amounts to compassionate local charities, with a grateful understanding - and first hand knowledge - of the struggles on the road to success.

In America, everyone could seize the opportunity to control their own destiny and enjoy the liberty of pursuing their goals. People abandoned their own homelands to come to America. We were the envy of the world - The City On The Hill - a beacon of hope for the downtrodden and alienated masses.

But times have changed in America. Our nation has become something vastly different. Other nations now view us as belligerent and meddlesome. They resent our intrusion into their affairs. We have given rise to tyrants and chaos overseas. That chaos has in turn given rise to private mercenaries willing to bring death and destruction to our homeland.

The opportunity for success in America has been greatly diminished. The value of individual labor - the main ingredient of unparalleled American excellence - has been undermined, marginalized and devalued. The incentives to succeed are disappearing. The American Dream, once available to virtually every person, has been pushed out of reach for many.

Our nation is at the mercy of a staggering amount of debt and burdensome taxation - and without any plan to effectively reduce or eliminate either. The very existence of a national debt is evidence of promises that should never have been made against the labor of future generations. Repaying this debt is nearly impossible. No viable plans exist.

The real wealth of our nation has been squandered for the benefit of a select few. The beauty of the Republic has been corrupted by greed at the governmental level - nothing else can explain the exorbitant amounts spent on election campaigns.

Political races are no longer won by the best candidate - they are bought.

These changes haven't occurred overnight and they cannot be corrected overnight. But we must forge ahead and take bold steps to restore our City On The Hill. It will not be easy, but the alternative - continuing denial and inaction - would deal a much more devastating blow to our nation.

It is with this goal in mind that I present this plan for Peace and Prosperity.

1. We must immediately begin to withdraw our military forces from all foreign nations.

There are currently hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops scattered around the globe. Their primary mission - defending America - is best carried out on our own soil.

The war in Iraq is a horrible miscalculation at best and a sinister ruse at worst. In any case, it is time to end the ongoing loss of life, own up to any mistakes we've made and safely turn over full control of Iraq to its citizens as soon as possible.

Regardless of how we view the reasons for entering Iraq or Afghanistan, our troops are there now and must be allowed to finish their job properly. Personnel and resources currently located in other places around the world should be shunted to Iraq and Afghanistan, as needed, in order to accelerate a peaceful end to these two conflicts.

We must also end the highly volatile policy of supporting one tyrant to balance power against another. This very practice was instrumental in creating Saddam Hussein and others like him.

2. Once our forces have returned home, we must assign the bulk of our military to temporarily protecting our coastlines, borders and ports of entry from foreign threats until such time when these threats have diminished.

We cannot begin to insure the safety of Americans here at home if we have no control over the ability of our self-proclaimed enemies to enter our nation.

We should take care not to restrict the flow of honest immigrants in search of honest work and a better life in America, but we must find a way to effectively police our borders.

When America has once again earned the respect and trust of the world, the need for such tight monitoring of our borders will naturally subside. We can then reduce the size and scope of our military in the interest of creating a technologically superior force capable of repelling any attack on our homeland.

To slow the flow of illegal immigrants, any privileges of

citizenship, such as governmental aid, driver's licenses, and voting rights must be immediately denied for those unwilling to enter our nation legally.

3. We must immediately place a five-year freeze on all government borrowing and tax increases - with a similar moratorium on the Federal Reserve's ability to release any new currency beyond that which is needed to replace retired currency.

These three simple actions will freeze the federal government's ability to cause the most unfair and sinister of all taxes - inflation. Our currency system allows the government to effectively marginalize and devalue the labor of every single citizen - by over \$3500 this year alone for every working American.

While our economy settles in to a fixed currency supply, we explore the virtues of once again backing our currency with hard commodity and permanently restoring the value of American labor - the most important ingredient of America's past economic success.

4. We must immediately appoint a non-partisan Citizen's Commission to examine our participation in the United Nations, publicly report on the associated economic and social ramifications for the American people, and make recommendations to Congress and the President for consideration.

In light of recent reports regarding scandals in the United Nations, this action has become even more important. America must not associate its public policies or funds with any corrupt organization. We must always take the high road in all affairs. This is the primary duty of the most powerful nation on earth.

5. We must immediately re-evaluate our foreign policies by subjecting every nation to a continuous and fair litmus test consisting of standards of freedom, humanity and economics.

Nations who engage in human rights violations or enslaving socio-economic agendas should not profit from participating in the American market nor benefit from American tax dollars.

The only logical path to healthy and peaceful international relations is through free and fair trade with similar thinking free nations. A military withdrawal from all other nations will go far in paving the road toward this goal.

6. We must immediately place an indefinite freeze on all foreign and corporate aid by the federal government.

Those who profit from such aid will no longer have any reason to lobby government officials for special favors and our elected